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1. BOTH DAVE POPPER AND I ENJOYED AND PROFITED GREATLY FROM OUR MEETING WITH YOU, EINUADI AND LOW IN QUITO MONDAY. YOU WERE VERY GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTS.

2. I DO PLAN TO ATTEND COM CONFERENCE IN EARLY DECEMBER RETURNING TO LIMA PROBABLY ON DECEMBER 6 FOR PARTICIPATION WITH YOU OR OTHERS WHO MAY BE CALLED UPON TO REPRESENT US AT AYACUCHO CEREMONIES. AS YOU KNOW I BELIEVE U.S. PRESENCE AT THAT LARGELY CEREMONIAL CELEBRATION (WHERE MUCH IMPROVISATION AND CONFUSION CAN BE EXPECTED) IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SEVERAL REASONS WE DISCUSSED IN QUITO, BUT ESPECIALLY TO DISPEL GOP DOUBTS, SUPPOSITIONS, AND FEARS CONCERNING U.S. ROLE HERE. ALSO WE MAY FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN OVERTURES TO LOWER TENSIONS IN PERU/CHILE RELATIONS. AT THE VERY LEAST WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT WANT A CYPRUS-TYPE DEVELOPMENT IN THIS HEMISPHERE, THAT WE ARE NOT PLAYING FAVORITES AND THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO AVOID AN ARMS RACE OR CONFLICT.

3. AS TO SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, CERTAINLY THE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS OF RECENT REVELATIONS AND ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING CIA ROLE IN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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ESPECIALLY CHILE, WILL BE OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO ALL OF

US. AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DOUBTS, FEARS, AND SUSPICIONS THAT HAVE ARISEN OR MULTIPLIED IN THE MINDS OF OUR HEMISPHERE FRIENDS WOULD BE IN ORDER.

4. FOLLOWING THE AYACUCHO CELEBRATIONS, DORIS AND I PLAN TO PROCEED TO THE CHICAGO AREA (ON LONG PENDING HOME LEAVE ORDERS) TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND PART OF THE NEW YEAR WITH OUR FAMILY. THEY TELL ME THAT DECEMBER AND JANUARY ARE MONTHS OF HOLIDAYS AND LITTLE ACTIVITY IN PERU BUT, OF COURSE, THE LENGTH OF OUR STAY WILL BE TAILORED TO DEVELOPMENTS. I WOULD PLAN TO STOP OFF IN WASHINGTON FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS OF ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON MY RETURN TO PERU.
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